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E. O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: MARR BF US

SUBJ: AUTECH - OVERLAP OF SEABED

REF: STATE 172019

1. PARAGRAPH 3 REFTTEL REPORTED DEPARTMENT'S INTEREST IN KNOW-  
ING WHETHER MOD WAS CONSULTED AND/OR CONSENTED IN THE MARCONA  
LEASE.

2. NLO CONTACTED DEFENSE ADVISOR TO BRITISH HIGH COMMISSION,  
NASSAU, IN SEARCH FOR ANSWER TO QUESTION. DEFENSE ADVISOR  
HAD NO KNOWLEDGE OF CONFLICTING LEASES AND SUGGESTED MOD  
LONDON BE CONTACTED FOR ANSWER.

3. NLO THEN CONTACTED DIRECTOR OF BAHAMAS DEPARTMENT OF  
LANDS AND SURVEY WHO WAS AWARE OF OVERLAP OF SEABED, HAD NO  
KNOWLEDGE OF CONFLICT OF MARCONA/AUTECH OPERATIONS IN THE  
OVERLAP AREA, AND WAS SOMEWHAT EMBARRASSED TO LEARN THAT  
THERE WAS SUCH A CONFLICT. DIRECTOR EXPLAINED THAT THE MAR-  
CONA LEASE WAS ARRANGED BY "ANOTHER" DEPARTMENT OF THE GOV-  
ERNMENT, NOT STATING WHICH ONE, AND HIS DEPARTMENT WAS IN-  
FORMED ONLY AFTER THE LEASE WAS GRANTED. DIRECTOR PRESUMED  
WHAT HAPPENED IN THIS CASE WAS THE LEASE WAS GRANTED PRIOR TO  
CONDUCTING A PROPER TITLE SEARCH AND THE RESULT WAS THE OVER-  
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LAP AND CONFLICT. DIRECTOR STATED THIS COULD NOT HAVE HAP-

PENED IF PROPER PROCEDURES WERE FOLLOWED BY THOSE WHO ARRANGED THE MARCONA LEASE.

4. THERE WAS NO DOUBT IN DIRECTOR'S MIND THAT AUTEC LEASE TAKES PRECEDENCE OVER MARCONA LEASE SINCE IT WAS ISSUED EARLIER. DIRECTOR AGREED WITH NLO'S SUGGESTION THAT SINCE THE CONFLICT OF LEASES IS NOW KNOWN, IT WOULD BE IN THE BEST INTEREST OF THE US GOVERNMENT TO POINT OUT IN THE AUTEC LEASE TO BE CONCLUDED, IN THE FUTURE, THE EXISTING CONFLICT WITH THE MARCONA LEASE, AND EMPHASIZE IN THE NEW LEASE THAT THE AUTEC LEASE WOULD TAKE PRECEDENCE.

5. DIRECTOR DID NOT BELIEVE MOD WAS AWARE OF CONFLICTING LEASES OR CONSULTED PRIOR TO LEASE TO MARCONA BEING GRANTED. FYI: MARCONA LEASE WAS PUBLISHED IN GOBI PUBLICATION, "ACTS PASSED IN THE YEAR 1971."

6. NLO HAS SENT COPY OF MARCONA LEASE TO CAP. ZETTEL, OP-613, WHO HAS SINCE ACKNOWLEDGED ITS RECEIPT.  
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